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JAPAN	Rosella	E. P. Bishop	5 P.M., 17th Sept.	Freight or Passage.
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(Passing through the Island Sea.)

(See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898.

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S. CHOH,

Agent.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1898.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....\$100,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS.....\$100,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$450,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

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T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1898.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000

Paid up Capital.....\$324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

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Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,

G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

On Current Account, Daily Balances, 2 per cent. per annum.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1897.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$9,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

Court of Directors:

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Manager:

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London Bankers—London and County Banking Company, Limited.

Hongkong—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager,

Hongkong, 15th August, 1898.

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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 PER CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION:

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager,

Hongkong, 1st August, 1898.

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MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

No. 6, Ice House Street, Praya Central.

Head Office—TOKIO.

Branch Office—

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOMBAY,

SINGAPORE, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN,

NEWCHWANG and all Ports in JAPAN.

Agencies—

HUM CO. Mines,

Ohman Coal Mines,

Kanada Coal Mine,

Tokyo Marine Insurance Co., Limited.

Haji Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Imperial Government Paper Mills, Japan,

Cotton Cleaning and Wkgs. Co., Shanghai,

Ondra Cement Company, Japan.

Kanegafuchi Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.

The Mikie Cotton Spinning Mill, Limited.

Tokyo Cotton Spinning Mill, Japan.

Hayashi Clock Factory,

Hongkong, 11th December, 1898.

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ROSBACH,

THE BEST NATURAL TABLE WATER IN THE WORLD.
Invaluable for dyspepsia and Indigestion.

"Remarkably free from organic impurities. Its flavor is decidedly more agreeable than that of any Mineral Water which I have ever tasted. It is unquestionably the best of its kind."

Sir CHARLES CAMERON, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.

Springs at Rosbach near Homburg.

Per case or 50 bottles.....\$1.00

do. 50 bottles.....9.50

500 bottles.....\$10.00

1,000 bottles.....\$19.00

2,000 bottles.....\$38.00

5,000 bottles.....\$95.00

10,000 bottles.....\$190.00

20,000 bottles.....\$380.00

50,000 bottles.....\$950.00

100,000 bottles.....\$1,900.00

200,000 bottles.....\$3,800.00

500,000 bottles.....\$9,500.00

1,000,000 bottles.....\$19,000.00

2,000,000 bottles.....\$38,000.00

5,000,000 bottles.....\$95,000.00

10,000,000 bottles.....\$190,000.00

20,000,000 bottles.....\$380,000.00

50,000,000 bottles.....\$950,000.00

100,000,000 bottles.....\$1,900,000.00

200,000,000 bottles.....\$3,800,000.00

500,000,000 bottles.....\$9,500,000.00

1,000,000,000 bottles.....\$19,000,000.00

2,000,000,000 bottles.....\$38,000,000.00

5,000,000,000 bottles.....\$95,000,000.00

10,000,000,000 bottles.....\$190,000,000.00

20,000,000,000 bottles.....\$380,000,000.00

50,000,000,000 bottles.....\$950,000,000.00

100,000,000,000 bottles.....\$1,900,000,000.00

200,000,000,000 bottles.....\$3,800,000,000.00

500,000,000,000 bottles.....\$950,000,000,000.00

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5,000,000,000,000 bottles.....\$950,000,000,000,000.00

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20,000,000,000,000 bottles.....\$3,800,000,000,000,000.00

50,000,000,000,000 bottles.....\$950,000,000,000,000,000.00

100,000,000,000,000 bottles.....\$1,900,000,000,000,000,000.00

**To-day's
Advertisements.**

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the
COMPANY'S HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 6th
day of October, 1898, at NOON, when the
SUBJOINED RESOLUTION which was
passed at the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
of the Company held on the 15th instant will be
submitted for confirmation as a SPECIAL
RESOLUTION.

"That a BONUS of TWO THOU-
SAND DOLLARS be hereby voted to
each of the three existing Directors, or
the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS
in all, out of the profits of the Company
during the past half year, as some re-
compence by the Shareholders of the
successful exertions of the Directors in
protecting the concern once more on a
dwindling paying basis."

Dated the 16th day of September, 1898.

C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAILEYBONE."

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 18th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAY & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1108]

FOR KOBE.

"TAIWAN MARU,"
will be despatched for the above port on
MONDAY, the 19th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1107]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"BENLARIG,"
Captain Kroble, will be despatched as above
on or about the 8th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1110]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"COROMANDEL"
FROM HOMIJI, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel holds on Cargo—
From London, &c., ex S.S. Oriental.
From Australia, ex S.S. Australia.
From Persian Gulf ex S.S. Harry Baldwin
and Khandah.

Optional goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 4
P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1105]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LIVERPOOL, SWANSEA AND
SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship

"OANFA,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before
Noon on the 24th instant or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at
3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 24th
August will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1109]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"CANTON,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,
SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Madras, ex S.S. Zoolana.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before 9
A.M. TO-MORROW.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant, at 4
P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns and a certificate of the damage
obtained from the Godown Company within ten
days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
no claims will be recognized.

H. A. RITCHIE,
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Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1105]

**To-day's
Advertisements.**

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF

HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HAL, Zealand Street, TO-NIGHT, the 16th
instant, at 8.30 or 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1090]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION,

A SPOON COMPETITION will be held
TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, commen-
encing at 3 P.M.

RANGES—200, 500 and 600 yards. Seven
shots and one sight.

ENTRANCE FEE—30 cents.

In view of the INTERPORT MATCH
Members are requested to attend these Competitions
for the sake of practice.

A CUP has been presented to the Association.
Conditions under which it may be shot for will
be sent to Members next week.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1898. [1098]

INTIMATIONS.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

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SAF-SAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compari-
son with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaint should be addressed to the
Manager.

Yester-
day, 1st March, 1898. [1110]

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ON October 1st next an Indian 3-piastre
postage stamp is to be issued. The current 4-piastre
green stamp, surcharged ½ black, will be used.

TO-MORROW, the Jews will enter upon their
5659th year. We wish our Jewish readers and
friends a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THE Crown Linda Belliff (Mr. G. J. King)
charged a coolie with trespassing on P. W. D.
lands. A fine of \$10 or one month was
imposed.

A MALAY quarter-master belonging to the P. &
O. steamer *Rosita* was to-day sentenced to two
months' hard labour for breaking a case of
dried shell fish and stealing therefrom two catties
of the delicacy.

The Ocean Steamship Co. are adding to their
fleet eleven new steamers, of a carrying capacity
of 3,000 tons. This is an enormous addition
from one Company, to the freight capacity to the
Far East and shows what is expected at home
as to the development of China by the construction
of railways.

WATERS MANUFACTURED BY US are
acknowledged by the leading English
makers to be equal to those of their own production.

THE PRICES are only half those
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ABOLUTE PURITY is guaranteed.
The best materials only are used.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1898.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, September 8th.

I did not send my usual letter at the end of last week because it was a case of stagnation. I am now enabled, on what I believe is fairly reliable authority, to tell you that the reassembling of the British fleet up north which excited some little attention two weeks ago in the South, was not for nought. I am informed the vessels came North under orders to attack Port Arthur, and arrangements were fully made to do so when a telegram was received to the effect that Her Majesty forbade any attack, and immediately after we have the issue of the Czar's rotten manifesto I am not red that the Imperial Message only saved extreme action by two days, matters having so far advanced along a line of firm policy as that. Well, we hope for the best, but one cannot but regret it if a grand opportunity to give Russia a set back for twenty years is lost through maul in sentiment on the part of one who has until lately exhibited a strength and firmness of character which has justified the loyalty with which she has been served, Russia is in a jinx with an exhausted Treasury—or at least a fixed one—on the one hand, and a famine in face on the other, so the cry of *Accord* on her part is comprehensible enough; but it won't wash.

FROM ALL I HEAR.
Newchwang is only waiting the hoisting of the Russian flag. It is literally and purely in Russian hands, and we still have a quiet apprehension there soon. The natives are showing a little spirit, and giving all the trouble they can, but I am inclined to think that

IS PART OF THE GAME.
If Russia can't stir up something like a rebellion in that quarter the *raison d'être* for her taking Newchwang is established. The latest news is that three foreigners connected with the railway have been killed there. They are probably Russians, and quite as probably were under paid necessity to get themselves killed so that Russia can go in for a pennyworth of "compensation," a la Germany in Shantung. I think I have now whispered my sneaking conviction that those Germany Missionaries at Kiaochow were voluntary martyrs in the cause of their country's colonial expansion. A large body of dislodged soldiers and rebels who had the field in the south of Kith are said to be giving trouble and objecting to the railway construction; but Russia will doubtless arrange to give them their quietus.

DR. MORRISON
was telegraphed for to return from Newchwang in a great hurry last week and is now back in Peking, but I have not yet heard the precise reason for his recall. It must however have been a solid one.

THE LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
has been using for Sheng and his telegraph a scale, and I am glad of it. The state of affairs is nothing short of disgraceful. Of late it has frequently been quicker to send a letter in preference to a wire. I Shangha, as the very slight advantage in speed of the telegrams has not justified the enormous difference in cost. We are told that the lines are blocked with Government messages, or that the floods at the Yellow River have broken the wires. For nearly a week we were without news, telegrams and the delay and uncertainty in commercial circles is enormous. And why? Simply because Mr. George Director General of Telegraphs, H.E. Sheng prefers to pocket the difference between cost and race, instead of investing a little of it in the construction of proper lines and—

THE EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS.
The U.S. troops from here is a private force under Sir Edward's control, not a Government force, as is exp. in Shanghai, where I believe there is a foreigner just now on leave, not a foreigner of any kind is employed. Consequently there is a paucity of work at the receiving office here there is no one to control and organize it. If the clerks in charge choose they can make payment for urgent messages and pocket the proceeds, and delay messages when it suits their purpose. There is no foreign expert at the Yellow River, which is really a difficult crossing, and when the poles are swept bodily away, as they are now and again for a change, the messages are transcribed at temporary receiving stations on either bank and ferried across in open boats. At least that is what the clerks here have stated and I can quite believe it seeing how things generally are done in China. Even this arrangement only indulged in when the floods are moderate; if they are excessive then a full stop presumably takes place. Yet a better route could be adopted, or strong pillars erected to carry the lines across the river, and the right those districts affected by the annual overflow; not an easy task I will admit, but by no means one which foreign engineering skill could not cope with. Our local merchants are up in arms at the state of affairs, and presume will be brought to Master Sheng from Peking if something is not done.

THE EMPEROR IS SHOWING
some little backbone in reality I believe, as a story is now going round to the effect that a Secretary in the Board of Rites had the temerity to memorialize the Emperor pointing out that all his schemes of reform, good as they were, were worthless unless he dismissed the obstructive members of his Government; had a word-out in fact of the sheep and the goats. Of course the President of the Board pounced on the unlucky sender and denounced him to the Emperor demanding his punishment for daring to memorialize the Throne direct. To the President's discomfiture, however, the Emperor turned on him, said that it was his desire that the people should learn to memorialize him direct. The result was the loss of buttons, etc. to the President and Vice-Presidents of the Board, and a pat on the back and promotion to third degree of the Secretary, which has caused a sensation in the Board of Rites and will give satisfaction to a long list of those who have at some time or another been its victim.

GOVERNMENT RETRENCHMENT
is going ahead, and in pursuance of the new scheme of economy an Imperial Edict was issued on the 10th ulto, abolishing six metropolitan offices, also the Governor of Kwangtung, Hupeh and Yunnan provinces as they have Viceroy to attend to necessary business. The Imperial Commissioner in Charge of the Yellow River and all salt and grain Taotai have also been abolished, there will be quite a clean sweep of supernumeraries.

TYPHOID IS EPIDEMIC
here now, the representative of Messrs. Buttefield and Swift, one or two members of the Customs, and it is feared the British Consul being down with a fever believed to be typhoid, and certainly so in the first case. There has been a great deal of sickness even at Peitaiho, I believe, and the doctors have been kept busy.

THE TRAINING SEASON.
has commenced again, but rumours are out of a dull meeting owing to so many prominent racers being either sick or too busy to go in for the thing properly. But there is no dependence to be placed on these early growls.

MRS. THOS. RINGSMITH,
the present proprietor and editor of the *Shanghai Daily Press*, is now visiting Tientsin, and looks stout and well. He has gone on to Peking for a few days and will not be long in the north, as his paper cannot of course dispense for long with his learned pen. In the matter of

dates and accurate historical information on Far Eastern history Mr. Ringsmith is a marvellous authority, a perfect walking encyclopedia. Some other Shanghai folks are also up here I notice, Mr. Murray, of Noel and Murray, among them.

A WORD FOR AGUINALDO.

Aguinaldo, it is represented, is making himself troublesome. Admiral Dewey has not said so; neither has General Merritt.

Aguinaldo seems to be giving offence chiefly to those who regard his military successes as presumptuous.

No doubt that Phillipine soldier is far from being a mere person. Quite probably his triumphs over the Spaniards have greatly elated him and much increased his sense of his importance. Also it is likely that, having proved his mettle and possessing a victorious army, he feels he is entitled to be consulted when the fate of his country is being discussed.

There is every reason to believe that Aguinaldo considers he has a better right to be consulted than on that head than any Spaniard living, not excepting Sagasta, Weyler or the King of Spain.

Aguinaldo is only a Phillipino and lives at a long distance from ourselves, but let us, nevertheless, endeavour to use common sense and a little manly generosity in judging him.

He has done a pistol's duty in the field, he has defeated in numerous battles an enemy that offered a price for his head, and he has undoubtedly earned the right to a voice in the settlement of the fate of his native land.

Aguinaldo, gold collar and all, would be an incomparably more creditable partner for the United States in the Philippines than Spain, which, implant now as circums is, is eager for vengeance upon Aguinaldo and all rebels against her bishy and murderous tyranny.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

There are three Christmas Islands scattered over the ocean; the most interesting from a scientific point of view being that which lies some 250 miles south-west of Java. It has an area of only about 20 square miles, and until the last few years has never, so far as is known, been inhabited by man. Recently one of the Rosses of the Keeling Islands has taken up his residence at the one accessible point on the coast, with a few coolies, for the purpose mainly of working the very valuable phosphate deposits on the island, on behalf of the small company who lease the island from the British Government. The island has, at various times been visited by her Majesty's survey ships, but its interesting interior had never been explored, about 15 months ago, Sir John Murray of the Challenger, who is one of the owners of the island, sent out at his own expense Mr. C. W. Andrews of the geological department of the Natural History Museum, with a companion to the island for the purpose of exploring it in the interests of science. It is a virgin island, the flora and the fauna of which are believed to have remained from the beginning uninfluenced by man, and therefore the study of these, as well as of the geology of the island was expected to yield valuable results. Mr. Andrews had to face many difficulties, and the results are likely to fulfil the highest expectations. But Mr. Andrews pursued his labours under the greatest difficulty. The island is 7,200ft. high, being densely covered with gigantic forest vegetation and bush that the members of the little colony on the shore have never been able to move a mile from home. The only available drinking water is supplied by a spring on the shore, and as the cliffs are lofty and precipitous it is difficult in the extreme to convey the water into the interior. This will give some idea of the difficulties which Mr. Andrews had to face in making his way over the island. As a matter of fact, with the help which he found available, his rate of progress was not more than two miles a day. The island moreover swarms with gigantic land-crabs and rats, which, however interesting from a scientific point of view, are plague to the explorer. Mr. Andrews had often to sleep out unprotected by a tent, and had to adapt himself as best he could to having his toes nipped by the formidable pincers of the crabs, and his body scraped over by hundreds of rats. The only chance of survival for animals in Christmas Island is their ability to climb trees and swing branches; and both rats and crabs are as accomplished at this as monkeys in an African forest. Mr. Andrews has brought home ample collections of these and of the other animal life which abounds on the island, the fossils especially being particularly rich. The flora of the island, also, is abundantly represented in Mr. Andrews' collections, as well as geology and other branches of science. To geologists especially the island is of great interest. The core of the island is volcanic, but originally a coral reef occupied the position. The original or, at all, it is believed, now forms the cap or summit of the island, and at intervals downwards, coral bands exist, which seem to indicate that the elevation must have been gradual, and at considerable intervals. These are among some of the valuable results brought back by Mr. Andrews, and science owes a debt of gratitude to Sir John Murray for his liberal enterprise in equipping the expedition. Mr. Andrews will probably give some account of his work at the Bristol meeting of the British Association, and is expected to read a paper on the subject at the Royal Geographical Society next session. He has brought home about 400 photographs.

PROPOSING TO A QUEEN.

AN AMUSING LETTER.

The art of making a proposal of marriage to a Queen is one in which it is no disgrace for any of us to prove ignorance and, inexperience. A resident of Malta has thus addressed one of the dainty Queens of the South Pacific Islands:—

"Her Gracious Majesty,—I hope you will most willingly excuse me for having the impudence to write to you in this manner, and the reason for doing so is, when I was reading the paper yesterday I read about the steamer Botania being drifted on your island, and the women under you began to select husbands from the crew, and that you, my Queen, wanted for a husband a man that would love you and make you happy. I have been thinking the matter over, and I have come to the conclusion that if you will have me for a husband, write back and let me know; also, that you should send me the money for my passage out, so as I can come to you, and I will repay you the money when I get to you. If, my Queen, I will split you, write back, and let me know as soon as possible, also send me a paper note for £2 or £5, and I will come at once."

If the Maltese gentleman wonders why he received no reply to this business-like proposal, it may interest him to know that it never reached Her Majesty. His letter was opened by the head chief, who handed it to the principal white trader, who posted it to the Sydney firm, who in their turn sent it to the Sydney *Daily Telegraph*. The postmaster showed that it passed through London, Queensland, Sydney, Samarai, and Herbertshof.

has commenced again, but rumours are out of a dull meeting owing to so many prominent racers being either sick or too busy to go in for the thing properly. But there is no dependence to be placed on these early growls.

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